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REMARKS

Applicant replies to the Office Action dated June 1, 2006, within the shortened statutory period for reply. Claims 1-8 were pending in the application.

The Examiner has asserted a Restriction Requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 requiring restriction of the application in the following Groups:

- I. Claims 1-7, drawn to a coin collection device, classified in class 453, subclass 3.
- II. Claim 8, drawn to a coin collection device with a point of sale device, classified in class 186, subclass 36.

Applicant respectfully submits that examination of all currently pending claims would not pose an undue burden on the Examiner. Section 803 of The Manual of Patent Examining Procedure states that "[i]f the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions." Applicant therefore respectfully requests examination of all currently pending claims.

However, Applicant hereby elects Group I, consisting of Claims 1-7, for prosecution in this application. Applicants do not traverse, but do not acquiesce to the Examiner's foundation for the Restriction Requirement as set forth in the Office Action. Accordingly, the foregoing election and cancelled claims are made without waiver, estoppel or without prejudice to the filing of one or more related applications directed to the subject matter of the cancelled claim.

The foregoing amendments conform this application to the Examiner's Restriction Requirement dated June 1, 2006. Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for examination on the merits. Early notification of such action is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any suggestions to place the application in even better condition for allowance, Applicants request that the Examiner contact the undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below. No new matter is added in this Reply. Reconsideration of the application

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is thus requested. If an extension of time is needed, please accept this as a petition for said extension of time. Attorney for applicants authorize and respectfully request that any fees due be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-2814, including any required extension fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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